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1. In November 1952, the installation of uranium mines started in the vicinity of Zadni Chodov (Hinter Kotten, N 50/P55). By March 1953, nine new mines were in operation in the area between Broumov (Prommenhof-N50/P55) and Plana (N50/P55). Three mines were located about 600 meters west of Zadni Chodov, just at the road leading from Plana to Germany. The other six mines were located in the woods about 100 meters north of Broumov. Work was done in three 8-hour shifts. Various types of machinery were shipped to the mines. 50X1-HUM
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2. Uranium, loaded on trucks and covered with canvas, being shipped in the direction of Plana. The mines near Broumov were richer than those in Jachymov. The mines were guarded by plant police armed with rifles and submachine guns. 50X1-HUM
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3. In the entire area, Soviet engineers were observed testing the ground with various instruments. These engineers who, according to rumors, came from Karlovy Vary, arrived mostly in Tatra-type sedans. 50X1-HUM
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4. The uranium ore mining area was located just north and south of the town limits of Kyjov (Kohau-N50/P55) village which had a population of about 800, mostly farmers. Kyjov belonged to the Marianske Lazne district and is located about 5 or 6 road kilometers northwest of Plana. The ore production had allegedly started in early 1952. 50X1-HUM

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